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SUBJ: ASHKELON MARITIME PORT WORKERS END STRIKE

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1. NINETEEN DAY STRIKE BY ASHKELON MARITIME PORT WORKERS ENDED JUNE 8. CABINET AND MANAGEMENT OF ASHKELON-EILAT PIPELINE COMPANY ARE MEETING JUNE 9 TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS TO RESUME OIL PORT OPERATIONS.

2. STRIKE ENDED AFTER THREE-FOUR DAYS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HISTADRUT AND VARIOUS GROUPS OF WORKS COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN PORT OPERATION. FACT THAT TWENTY STRIKERS WERE ABLE TO REMAIN AT SEA IN FOUR COMMANDEERED TUG BOATS FOR NINETEEN DAYS INDICATED SUPPORT OF MEN ON SHORE IN SUPPLYING BOATS. WHEN COMPANY CLOSED PORT AND HISTADRUT OBTAINED PLEDGE OF SHORE WORKERS AND FACTION OF STRIKING PORT WORKERS TO RESUME WORK, STRIKERS CAME ASHORE AND PLACED THEMSELVES UNDER HISTADRUT AUTHORITY. EFFORTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO SORT OUT CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST STRIKERS AND SEEK SOLUTION TO DISCHARGE AND TRANSFER ISSUES WHICH TRIGGERED STRIKE.

3. COMMENT: CLOSURE OF ASHKELON OIL PORT BY STRIKE  
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OF SOME 65 WORKERS WILL ADD FUEL TO WIDESPREAD DEMAND FOR

ACTION ON PART OF HISTADRUT AND GOVERNMENT TO RESOLVE  
CERTAIN CHRONIC LABOR RELATIONS PROBLEMS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY  
ACUTE IN SECTIONS OF ECONOMY WHERE HANDFUL OF WORKERS, ACTING  
IN VIOLATION OF LAW AS WELL AS HISTADRUT AUTHORITY,  
CAN CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES  
AND TO NATIONAL ECONOMY.  
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